



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, it is critical to develop a home fire escape plan, find two ways out of each room in a house, call 911 from a neighbors house, select an outside meeting place, and practice with fire drills twice a year with every member of the household so each member can be better prepared for a potential fire; and

**WHEREAS**, many Tennesseans have a fire escape plan, but most haven't practiced it, and most Tennesseans underestimate the amount of time it takes a fire to turn deadly; and

**WHEREAS**, the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 2007 Fire Prevention Week theme, Practice Your Escape Plan, effectively serves to remind us that these simple actions will reduce the injuries and deaths resulting from common mistakes such as calling 911 from a burning building or reentering a burning building; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee and all of its fire departments are committed to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of all local services are joined by concerned citizens of Tennessee, emergency service providers, safety advocates, businesses, schools, service clubs, and organizations in their fire safety efforts;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2007, as

## FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 28th day of September, 2007.

Governor

Secretary of State